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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM JAFFE NASA TO
INTERCOSMOS FOR PROFESSOR KHODAREV WITH COPY FOR
VERESHCHETIN.

2. QUOTE. IN ACCORD YOUR TELEGRAM OF SEPTEMBER 3, WE ARE
MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROBERT B. MACDONALD AND MARVIN R.
HOLTER TO ARRIVE MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 8 VIA SU 242 AT 1910.
THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY CATHERINE GUILSHER, INTERPRETER.

3. QUOTE. MACDONALD AND HOLTER CAN MEET WITH YOU SEPTEMBER
9 TO DISCUSS AGENDA FOR THEIR STAY IN SOVIET UNION,
INCLUDING VISIT TO KURSK. THEY ARE AUTHORIZED TO VISIT KURSK
SITE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON ITS CHARACTER FOR COMPARISON
WITH SITES IN USA. SHOULD SOVIET SIDE HAVE PROPOSAL FOR
PROGRAM IN REMOTE SENSING OF VEGETATION RELATING TO KURSK
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REGION, MACDONALD AND HOLTER WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THIS

PROPOSAL AND DISCUSS IT WITH YOU TO ASSURE THOROUGH UNDER-
STANDING. THEY ARE TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS WHO CAN DISCUSS SUCH
PROPOSED PROGRAMS BUT THEY ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE OR
REACH AGREEMENT ON A BILATERAL PROGRAM AT THIS TIME. I ASSURE
YOU THAT THERE IS NO INTENT TO DELAY REACHING AN AGREEMENT IN
THIS IMPORTANT AREA. I THEREFORE WILL REVIEW MACDONALD/HOLTER
FINDINGS AND ANY SOVIET PROPOSAL THEY BRING BACK VERY QUICKLY
AND PROVIDE YOU WITH AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE.

4. QUOTE. REGARDING FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF TRIP, FRUTKIN
CONFIRMS OUR ASSUMPTION THAT THIS ACTIVITY FALLS UNDER
NASA/SOVIET ACADEMY AGREEMENT CONCERNING LOCAL EXPENSES.
NASA PARTY WILL COVER ITS TRAVEL COSTS FROM MOSCOW TO KURSK
AND RETURN. HOPE THIS ASSUMPTION ACCORDS WITH YOUR VIEW.

5. QUOTE. DELEGATION SCHEDULED TO DEPART MOSCOW SEPTEMBER
14 ON BE 673 AT 1730. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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